Claims 10-15 were previously canceled.

Claims 5, 6, 16-20, 25, and 26 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 21-24, and 27-29 are currently amended.

New claims 30-35 are added.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 21-24, and 27-35 are pending as follows:

1. (currently amended) A <u>computer-implemented</u> method comprising:

sending a request for a return signal to a plurality of user devices via a wireless network;

receiving ~~from said wireless network~~ respective return signals from ~~each of said~~ <u>one or more of the</u> plurality of user devices, each of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> return signals <u>indicating a current status of a respective user device and an operational mode of the respective user device;</u> ~~containing information describing a respective user of each of said plurality of user devices;~~

receiving ~~from said wireless network an inquiry~~ <u>a survey that is</u> generated ~~by a first~~ <u>at a</u> user device, <u>the survey including an inquiry and selectable responses to the inquiry</u> ~~said inquiry having predetermined responses associated therewith~~ that are configured to be completed by recipients of <u>the survey;</u> ~~said inquiry, and~~

<u>receiving, along with the survey from the user device, one or more selected characteristics that are attributable to users that are associated with the plurality of user devices, the one or more characteristics being utilized</u> ~~from said wireless network an attribute provided by said first user device~~ as criteria ~~for identifying~~ <u>to identify</u> the recipients of <u>the survey;</u> ~~said inquiry;~~

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automatically selecting a group of user devices from ~~said~~ the plurality of user devices based on the users having the one or more selected characteristics and identified as the recipients of the survey, each of the users being associated with a respective user device in the selected group of user devices; ~~devices, each user device of said group of user devices being associated with said attribute, said selecting including analyzing said respective information of each of said plurality of user devices, said attribute being identifiable from said respective information of each of said selected group of user devices;~~

forwarding ~~said inquiry to said~~ the survey to the selected group of user devices via the wireless network, the survey configured to be completed by a user at a respective user device in the selected ~~users of said~~ group of user devices;

receiving ~~from said wireless network~~ survey responses ~~associated with said~~ to the inquiry from one or more of the user devices in ~~said~~ the selected group of user devices; and

forwarding ~~said responses into said network to said first~~ the survey responses to the user device from which the survey was generated and received.

2. **(currently amended)** The computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~said attribute~~ the current status is a geographical location of the respective user device.

3. **(currently amended)** The computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein ~~said attribute~~ the current status is a distance from ~~said first~~ the respective user device to the user device that generates the survey.

4.   (currently amended)   The <u>computer-implemented</u> method as <u>recited</u> in claim 1, wherein ~~said attribute is~~ <u>the one or more selected characteristics include at least one of</u> an age<u>, gender, or occupation</u> of ~~a user~~ <u>the users that are</u> associated with the <u>plurality of user devices</u> ~~first user device~~.

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7.   (currently amended)   The <u>computer-implemented</u> method as <u>recited</u> in claim 1, wherein ~~said information includes~~ <u>the one or more selected characteristics include</u> a home address of ~~a user~~ <u>the users that are</u> associated with the <u>plurality of user devices</u> ~~first user device~~.

8.   (currently amended)   The <u>computer-implemented</u> method as <u>recited</u> in claim 1, wherein ~~said attribute is~~ <u>the recipients of the survey are</u> listed in a buddy list associated with ~~said first~~ <u>the</u> user device <u>that generates the survey,</u> ~~and wherein said method further comprises:~~ <u>the method further comprising forwarding the survey to the selected group of user devices that are associated with a respective user that is listed in the buddy list and identified as a recipient of the survey.</u>

~~receiving from said wireless network a signal from said first user device, said signal identifying users of said wireless network who are on said buddy list;~~

~~adding to said respective information of each user of said plurality of users who is on said buddy list that said user has been included in said buddy list.~~

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9. **(currently amended)** The <u>computer-implemented</u> method as in claim 1, wherein ~~said attribute is~~ <u>the recipients of the survey are</u> listed in an address book associated with ~~said first~~ <u>the</u> user device <u>that generates the survey,</u> ~~and wherein said method further comprises:~~ <u>the method further comprising forwarding the survey to the selected group of user devices that are associated with a respective user that is listed in the address book and identified as a recipient of the survey.</u>

~~receiving from said wireless network a signal from said first user device, said signal identifying users of said wireless network who are listed in said address book;~~

~~adding to said respective information of each user of said plurality of users who is listed in said address book that said user has been included in said address book.~~

10-20. **(canceled)**

21. **(currently amended)** One or more computer-readable <u>storage</u> media comprising instructions that are executable <u>and, responsive to executing the instructions,</u> [[by]] a server <u>device is implemented to:</u> ~~to implement a module operable to:~~

send a request for a return signal to a plurality of user devices via a wireless network;

receive ~~from the wireless network~~ respective return signals from ~~each of~~ <u>one or more of</u> the plurality of user devices, each of the return signals <u>indicating a current status of a respective user device and an operational mode of the respective user device;</u> ~~containing information describing a respective user of each of the plurality of user devices;~~

receive ~~from the wireless network an inquiry~~ a survey that is generated ~~by a first~~ at a user device, the survey including an inquiry and selectable responses to the inquiry ~~having predetermined responses associated therewith~~ that are configured to be completed by recipients of the survey; ~~inquiry;~~

receive, along with the survey from the user device, one or more selected characteristics that are attributable to users that are associated with the plurality of user devices, the one or more characteristics being utilized ~~from the wireless network an attribute provided by the first user~~ as criteria ~~for identifying~~ to identify the recipients of the survey; ~~inquiry;~~

automatically select a group of user devices from the plurality of user devices based on the users having the one or more selected characteristics and identified as the recipients of the survey, each of the users being associated with a respective user device in the selected group of user devices; ~~devices, each respective user of the group of user devices having the attribute;~~

~~analyze the respective information of each of the plurality of user devices, the attribute being identifiable from the respective information of each of the selected group of user devices;~~

forward the ~~inquiry into the wireless network~~ survey to the selected group of user devices via the wireless network, the survey configured to be completed by a user at a respective user device in the selected ~~of the~~ group of user devices;

receive ~~from the wireless network~~ survey responses to the inquiry from one or more of the user devices in the selected group of user devices; and

forward the survey responses to the ~~first~~ user device from which the survey was generated and received ~~via the wireless network~~.

22. (currently amended) One or more computer-readable storage media as recited in claim 21, wherein the ~~attribute~~ current status comprises a geographical location of the respective user device.

23. (currently amended) One or more computer-readable storage media as recited in claim 21, wherein the ~~attribute~~ current status comprises a distance from the respective user device to the ~~first~~ user device that generates the survey.

24. (currently amended) One or more computer-readable storage media as recited in claim 21, wherein the ~~attribute comprises~~ one or more selected characteristics include at least one of an age, gender, or occupation of ~~a user~~ the users that are associated with the plurality of user devices ~~first user device~~.

25. (canceled)

26. (canceled)

27. (currently amended) One or more computer-readable storage media as recited in claim 21, wherein the ~~information comprises~~ one or more selected characteristics include a home address of ~~a user~~ the users that are associated with the plurality of user devices ~~first user device~~.

28. (currently amended) One or more computer-readable ~~storage~~ media as ~~recited~~ in claim 21, wherein the ~~attribute comprises being~~ recipients of the survey are listed in a buddy list associated with the ~~first~~ user device that generates the survey.

29. (currently amended) One or more computer-readable ~~storage~~ media as ~~recited~~ in claim 21, wherein the ~~attribute comprises being~~ recipients of the survey are listed in an address book associated with the ~~first~~ user device that generates the survey.

30. (new) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

receiving, at a user device, a request from a server device for a return signal via a wireless network;

communicating a return signal to the server device, the return signal indicating a current status of the user device and an operational mode of the user device;

generating, at the user device, a survey that includes an inquiry and selectable responses to the inquiry that are configured to be completed by recipients of the survey;

communicating the survey and one or more selected characteristics to the server device, the one or more characteristics being attributable to respective users that are associated with a group of user devices and the one or more characteristics being utilized as criteria to identify the recipients of the survey, the survey being forwarded by the server device to the selected group of user devices to be completed by a user at a respective user device in the selected group of user devices, and survey responses to the inquiry being received by the server device from one or more of the user devices in the selected group of user devices; and

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receiving the survey responses from the server device at the user device from which the survey was generated.

31. (new) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 30, wherein the current status is a geographical location of the user device.

32. (new) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 30, wherein the current status is a distance from the user device to at least one of the user devices in the group of user devices.

34. (new) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 30, wherein the one or more selected characteristics include at least one of an age, gender, or occupation of the respective users that are associated with the group of user devices.

33. (new) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 30, wherein the one or more selected characteristics include a home address of the respective users that are associated with the group of user devices.

35. (new) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 30, wherein the recipients of the survey are listed in at least one of a buddy list or an address book associated with the user device.